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SUBJECT: WTDR - BAYRAK RADIO AND TV

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1. BAYRAK RADIO AND TV (RADIO BAYRAK) IS A SEMI-GOVERNMENT MONOPOLY RADIO AND TV ORGANIZATION, ESTABLISHED IN DECM 1963 BY THE TURKISH CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES. IT OPERATES IN THE "TURKISH FEDERATED STATE OF CYPRUS" CONTROLLED PART OF CYPRUS. MAIN PROGRAMMING IN TURKISH; ALSO HAS ENGLISH AND GREEK PROGRAMS. FEES COLLECTED FROM RADIO AND TELEVISION SET OWNERS (IN "TFSC" PORTION OF CYPRUS) PROVIDE MORE THAN HALF OF OPERATING REVENUES. BAYRAK ALSO RECEIVES FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM "TFSC" AND BEFORE 1974 TURKISH INVASION WAS HEAVILY SUBSIDIZED FROM TURKISH MAINLAND. IT IS REGARDED BY CYPRUS GOVERNMENT AS AN ILLEGAL ENTITY.

2. RADIO BAYRAK OFFICES ARE LOCATED IN TURKISH PART OF NICOSIA. INTERNATIONAL MAIL ADDRESS IS BAYRAK RADIO AND TELEVISION MERSIN 10, TURKEY.

3. GENERAL MANAGER OF RADIO BAYRAK INFORMED EMBASSY E/C
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OFFICER THAT MOST OF THE STATION'S EQUIPMENT IS OF BRITISH AND GERMAN ORIGIN. MAJOR SPARES AND COMPONENTS ARE PURCHASED FROM ESPECTIVE BRITISH AND GERMAN MANUFACTURERS DIRECTLY WITH EXCEPTION OF SMALL ITEMS AND SOME SPARE PARTS WHICH ARE PROCURED THROUGH GREEK CYPRIOT MERCHANTS LOCATED IN GOC-CONTROLLED PART OF NICOSIA.

4. AMERICAN FIRMS WISHING TO SELL TO RADIO BAYRAK SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THE STATUS OF THE COMPANY IS LINKED TO AND AFFECTED BY THE TENSE AND UNRESOLVED POLITICAL PROBLEMS IN CYPRUS. ANY FIRM WHICH DECIDES TO SELL TO RADIO BAYRAK SHOULD DO SO EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH IRREVOCABLE LETTERS OF CREDIT.

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